**LITURGY OFFICE**

The December *LiturgyNotes* is available [here](https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/13543/documents/2021/11/Dec2021LN.pdf). This issue includes information about the Rite of Election, including instructions regarding registration for the event.

**SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE**

**Social Action Lunch & Learn:** Dec. 2, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Early in November, Bishop Zinkula journeyed with five deacon candidates, *Catholic Messenger* editor, Barb Arland-Fye, and Deacon Frank Agnoli to the border towns of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez. We’ll hear from some of these diocesan travelers about their experience - what they learned, what they saw and what they felt. To register go [here](http://bit.ly/DioDavLunchLearn). The session will be recorded and available on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://davenportdiocese.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e6357c24b5c81ff104b608b45&id=bac63d3857&e=7e6920f7c8). *The Catholic Messenger* has also published a number of articles regarding this experience.

**Advent Journey with Migrants and Refugees:** Sunday, Dec. 5, 2:00 p.m. This online event combines prayer, discussion, and information about migrants and refugees. It will highlight the Holy Family's experience as migrants and refugees with their journey to Bethlehem, flight to and time in Egypt, and their return to Nazareth. [Register here.](https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&amp;teamID=5868) Sponsored by the newly formed Diocese of Davenport Catholic Relief Services chapter based at the Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa. A fall giving event and fundraiser is also found at the registration page.

[**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection:**](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cchd-annual-collection)Thank you for participating in this year’s collection. Your generosity will make a real difference to families and communities living in poverty across the United States. The Diocese retains 25% of the proceeds to fight poverty within our own diocese for antipoverty projects! If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give. Please make your donation with a check payable to the Diocese of Davenport and mark CCHD Collection and mail it directly to Diocese of Davenport, 780 West Central Park Ave., Davenport IA 52804-1901.

[**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering**](http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering/index.cfm)**:** This virtual gathering, *Justice at the Margins*, will be held January 29 - February 1, 2022. The program will be bilingual (English and Spanish), with translation available for plenary sessions and unique Spanish-only workshops. Sign interpretation will be available, too. Registration is $50. Financial assistance is available for leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural, or disability communities. [Register here.](https://web.cvent.com/event/cf67da4e-97ce-46ab-945e-8e38fcb03447/summary) This year’svirtual gathering will include: \*Inspiring leading voices in Church and society. \*Workshops with policy experts and grassroots community leaders. \*Virtual advocacy visits with elected officials.

\*Resources from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations. \*And much more!

**World Day of Peace is Jan. 1.**  For resources and information [click here.](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm)

[**Poverty Awareness Month:**](https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month) January 1-31. A call to attention to poverty in America. Please join the US bishops and CCHD and the Catholic Community in the United States to live in solidarity with the poor. For many resources, including a printable calendar with information and links for study and reflection materials, visit the [USCCB Poverty Awareness Page](https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month)

[**9 Days for Life**](https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-flyer)**:** January 19-27. This is an annual period of prayer (novena) and actions focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. Click here for promotional flyer and resources or go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

**CRS Rice Bowl** annual Lenten program begins on Ash Wednesday; this collection benefits those overseas and at home. 75% of all donations go to CRS programming in targeted countries. 25% of all donations stay in our diocese. Countries featured this year are Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and go to [Stories of Hope](https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/intro) to hear their journeys. Place [your order](https://crsmaterials.crs.org/us-materials/crs-rice-bowl/?_ga=2.37743395.202216569.1636647586-152702113.1629140961&_gac=1.138207748.1634325940.EAIaIQobChMIteKuxpLN8wIVKebjBx3DHgc-EAAYASAAEgJVwPD_BwE) for the 2022 Lenten season. Learn more about the lifesaving work carried out around the world by CRS by going to [CRS 2022 Virtual Events](https://www.crsricebowl.org/speakers). Materials are also available online for [families](https://www.crsricebowl.org/families), [parishes](https://www.crsricebowl.org/parishes), [elementary and middle school students](https://www.crsricebowl.org/1-8), [high school students](https://www.crsricebowl.org/9-12), and [universities](https://www.crsricebowl.org/universities). Dates to remember: January 22: Orders will ship. March 2, Ash Wednesday, Rice Bowl Collection begins. April 8: Last day orders can be placed to arrive by Easter.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**Youth and Young Adult**

**Confirmation Survey:** It’s not too late to complete the Confirmation Survey and provide the Diocesan Confirmation Committee and Bishop Zinkula with a snapshot of your current practice of confirming young people in your parish. The current deadline for completing the survey has been extended to Wednesday, December 8. Pastors, parochial vicars, deacons, C/DREs, youth ministry coordinators/leaders, Confirmation coordinators, and other leaders involved in preparing youth for confirmation are invited to complete the survey. Access the survey at [this link](https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/JVMN3KE6).

***Catholic Faith Formation in a Post-Pandemic World* – a workshop series for parish leaders in all areas of faith formation:** The way we all practice and live out our communal faith life has been affected by this pandemic. As a result, people’s expectations of and commitment to the practice of our faith have been affected, some for the better and some for the worse. Our people have changed; has our faith formation adapted? Are we just returning to what we did pre-pandemic? If we did, how’s that really working out? If we need change, what needs to be different? Can anything stay the same?

The Office of Faith Formation has teamed up with Lifelong Faith Associates to offer this all-important five-part series of in-person and virtual workshops that provides parish faith formation leaders the opportunity to come together and collaboratively assess their present faith formation efforts in light of the disruption of this pandemic and plan for a unified vision and practice for their future faith formation ministry.

Two day-long in-person workshops bookend this series. The first in late January examines the foundations for effective faith formation in light of the pandemic, and second in late April provides parish teams the opportunity to consult with workshop presenters and develop a plan for implementing change. Interspersed between these two workshops are three virtual workshops focused on faith formation with specific age groups – children and families, adolescents and young adults, and adults. More details on workshop topics can be found in the series brochure leaders will soon receive and on the [series website](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cff-series).

Parishes can purchase a series ticket which allows an unlimited number of people from the parish to attend any of the workshops, or individuals can register for any of the workshops on their own. Specific costs can also be found in the brochure and on the [series website](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cff-series).

Don’t miss this golden opportunity to significantly assess and adapt your faith formation ministry. For more information, contact [Don Boucher](mailto:boucher@davenportdiocese.org?subject=CFF%20in%20a%20Post-Pandemic%20World) at 563-888-4243.

**Marriage and Family**

**Two Become One – Embracing the Sacrament of Remarriage:** The Diocese of Davenport and Archdiocese of Dubuque offer this marriage preparation program to meet the unique needs of couples in which one or both of the individuals have been previously married. Contact [Marianne Agnoli](mailto:agnolim@davenportdiocese.org). Upcoming Dates:

* January 22, 2022 - Virtual via Zoom - [Information & Registration](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/remarriage-preparation-form)\
* March 26, 2022 - Cedar Falls, Iowa - [Information & Registration](https://dbqarch.org/remarriage-program?utm_source=Outside+Gmail&utm_campaign=2625e1a0ef-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_16_02_33_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2fe81b1717-2625e1a0ef-264602585)

**Marriage Preparation Workshops:** In person gathered preparation workshops for first time marriages are scheduled for February 19, 2022 and March 26, 2022 at St. John Vianney, Bettendorf. Additional 2022 workshop dates will be forthcoming. All unvaccinated participants will be required to wear masks and social distance until further notice. Registration information can be found on the diocesan [Marriage Preparation webpage.](https://www.davenportdiocese.org/marriage-preparation)

***Called to the Joy of Love: National Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Life Ministry* –** Current ministry leaders face the challenge of addressing numerous marital and family situations that are more complex than in previous decades. This framework, approved by the USCCB in June, attempts to present pastoral approaches to many of these situations. Inspired primarily by *Amoris Laetitia*, the document presents a framework of pastoral principles for marriage and family life ministry and advocacy that can serve as a resource to assist in pastoral planning. Over the next five years our diocese will be assessing present resourcing in light of the [National Pastoral Framework](https://www.usccb.org/resources/7-685%20Pastoral%20Framework%20for%20Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life,%20FINAL,%20for%20UPLOAD.pdf) and work on developing on-going diocesan and parish implementation opportunities.

**SAVE THE DATE – Free Virtual Pastoral Study Day:** April 26 from 9:00am- 12:00pm:In celebration of the "Year of the *Amoris Laetitia* Family" (March 2021-June 2022) and the upcoming World Meeting of Families in June of 2022, presenters Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak will facilitate a discussion on **Evangelizing Families: Ways to Strengthen the Domestic Church.** All clergy, parish staff, and Catholic school administrators are encouraged to participate in this day of pastoral formation. The live webinar will offer a great opportunity for your parish/school leadership to begin implementing some of the new family framework guidelines as you discuss how best to provide for the pastoral care of the households you serve. See [Flyer](https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/13543/documents/2021/11/Evangelizing%20Families%20Flyer%202-1.pdf)

**DEACON FORMATION OFFICE**

The Diocese of Davenport will be holding a number of information/orientation sessions across the diocese for those interested in the diaconate. Applications to the Deacon Formation Program will only be distributed at these sessions. The information sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. The next class will begin formation in August 2022; both an English and a Spanish track will be offered. For more information, or if you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Deacon Agnoli at 563-888-4257 or [agnoli@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnoli@davenportdiocese.org), or visit <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>.

In order to prepare for each session, we ask that those interested register for the session they wish to attend (also at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/class-ix>).

We also ask that, in keeping with diocesan COVID protocols, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask to these sessions.

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| **DATE** | **EVENT** | **LOCATION** |
| Sunday, December 19 (1-5pm) | English Program Inquiry | Chancery (780 W. Central Park) |
| Sunday, January 16, 2022 (1-5 pm) | Spanish Program Inquiry | Davenport – St. Anthony (417 N. Main) |
| Sunday, February 27 (1-5pm) | Spanish Program Inquiry | Iowa City – St. Patrick (4330 St. Patrick Dr.) |
| Sunday, April 3 (1-5pm) | Spanish Program Inquiry | Ottumwa – St. Mary (216 N Court St) |

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

**To report child abuse call** the Iowa Attorney General Clergy Abuse hotline at 855-620-7000 (M-F, 8 am.-4:30 pm.) to speak with a trained advocate or the Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator:563-349-5002, [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIE RETREAT, WHEATLAND**

To register by email contact: [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com) or call 563-336-8414. To register online and learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit [www.theprairieretreat.org](http://www.theprairieretreat.org). Scholarships available.

[Go here](https://www.chmiowa.org/news-and-events/calendar?category=retreat) to learn more about the following offerings:

* **Advent Retreat: Dwelling Within, Bursting Forth Retreat:** Dec 3-5 | Fri 5:00pm- Sun 11:00am
* **Come to the Quiet:** Tues, Dec 7 | 9:30am-3:30pm
* **Santa Claus on The Prairie:** Sun, Dec 12 | 1:00-4:00pm
* **Celebrate Winter Solstice:** Dec 18-19 | Sat 4:00pm-Sun 9:00am
* **Online: Ecumenical Prayer Service: Winter Solstice:** Tues, Dec 21 | 7:00pm-8:00pm
* **Online: How to Embrace Fear in our Life and Discover Hope and Courage!** Tues. Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:00-10:30am

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org) or online at https://smmsisters.org/retreats to register for the programs mentioned below.

**3-Day Directed Retreat (on-site only):** Sun. Jan 16-Wed. Jan. 19. Participants will meet daily for an hour with a spiritual director who will guide your experience. Spiritual directors: Fr. Mark DeSutter, Toni Petersen, SMM Oblate and Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Arrive after 4:00 p.m.; begins at 5:30 p.m. with soup supper; ends at 4:00 p.m. the last day. Fee: $375 (includes private room, all meals and all direction sessions.) Space is limited, register soon.

To support the ministry of your parish, school and the diocese these groups automatically receive the *Mini-Messenger*:

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Other interested persons are welcome to subscribe. If you have questions regarding your subscription contact Laurie Hoefling, [hoefling@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hoefling@davenportdiocese.org).